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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 29TH, 1913.

The Administrative Conference has now been inaugurated at Peking, and the PRESIDENT has been advised in a joint memorial from all the TUDS to send all the members of Parliament still remaining in Peking back to their constituencies; at the public expense, to await the reconvening of Parliament. How long they may have to wait for this cannot at the moment be predicted. The present indications are that before Parliament is again convened the Constitution will have been revised, making provision for a new legislative body very much smaller than the one which has recently been virtually suppressed by the PRESIDENT's Mandate cancelling the seats of over three hundred members on the ground that they belonged to a seditious organisation. The memorial of the TUDS deals mainly with the necessity for a revision of the Constitution and for a smaller legislative body. They urge that with eight hundred legislators there is certain to be "more talk than work." They describe the Parliament as too unwieldy. "During the seven months Parliament was sitting, it squandered several million dollars, but did no legislative work—it did not even attempt such piecemeal legislation as characterised the sessions of the former National Council." The Parliament has been "a curse to all." "Is it justifiable," they ask, "for the Republic to commit its future to such a Legislature?" They point out to the PRESIDENT that a clear precedent for the revision of the Constitution is provided in the history of the United States, "which is known as the model Republic," for its first draft Constitution

was revised by a Convention sitting at Philadelphia, and they go on to suggest that the Administrative Conference now assembled in Peking may serve the purpose of the Philadelphia Convention in this respect, pointing out that it is a far more representative body than the Nanking Assembly which drafted the present Constitution. The PRESIDENT has referred the memorial to the Administrative Conference for their consideration with instructions to report in detail upon its various recommendations. Apart from this, the chief business of the Conference is to discuss the recently published statement of constructive policy drawn up by the Cabinet. In his address to the Conference the PRESIDENT emphasised that the strength of a nation depends upon the efficiency of its internal administration as well as upon its diplomatic position, both of which, he said, depend on the centralisation of governmental authority rather than on the form of government. "The Republic is the best form of Constitutional Government, and I like it," declared the PRESIDENT, but the whole argument of his speech seemed to be that republican government in China is a dream that cannot be realised for many years. A change in the form of its Government did not immediately make a nation strong and efficient, he said. He dwelt upon the deplorable state of the internal administration, which he attributed to a misconception of republicanism by the people; they have interpreted "equality" to mean a right to disobey orders, and "liberty" to mean freedom to commit every kind of unlawful deed. He impressed upon the delegates that they had come to the Capital as patriots to work for the salvation of their country—prepared, if need be, to sacrifice their property and even their lives for the good of their country. He wanted them not to talk too much of book theories, but to take a practical common-sense view of the problems of the State, and to bear in mind that changes cannot be made as if by magic. "Look at Japan," he exclaimed; "she has been introducing reforms for many years, but the most of her people still wear clogs!" There is, in truth, but little practical guidance to the Conference in the PRESIDENT's inaugural speech. What the Conference will need to consider in connection with the Cabinet's great scheme of reform is the all-important subject of finance. This is but obscurely hinted at in the PRESIDENT's address when he related that while he was Viceroy of Chihli he began to take steps to secure the independence of the judiciary. But he discovered among other things that the judicial officers, as a rule, were men of no qualifications for the position, that "owing to financial stringency" they were not given adequate salaries, and the consequence was that corruption prevailed. According to the translation before us, the PRESIDENT told the Conference that "if the real benefits of an independent judiciary are to be secured, we must wait for the time when our finances become better and properly qualified men are available." Perhaps this is but a characteristic Chinese way of indicating that what has to be done—and done as soon as possible—is to put salaries on a proper basis and to get men properly trained for the judiciary. He mentioned the judiciary as only one branch of the administration, thus suggesting that the evils prevailing in this branch are common to all branches and that the remedy found for it must be one of universal application. Whether the body which the PRESIDENT has called together to advise him upon the application of the Government's scheme of reforms possesses the necessary wisdom and experience for the task remains to be proved, and the outcome of their deliberations will be awaited with much interest.

The German mail of the 26th November was delivered in London on the 24th December.

The Bishop of Victoria and family are now in residence at the Bishop's House, St. Paul's College, Lower Albert Road.

Mr. E. T. Williams will conduct the meeting of the Hongkong Christian Union at St. Paul's College to-day, at 5.30 p.m.

Mr. E. G. Hillier, manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank at Peking, has come down to Hongkong from Shanghai by the C. N. steamer *Shanghai*.

We observe that it is announced at Shanghai by the Commissioner of Customs that the Custom House will be closed to business on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd January, 1914 ("being the Chinese New Year Holidays.")

Mr. Ryutaro Nomura, Vice-President of the Railway Board, and Daihachi Ito, a Seiyukai Member of the House of Representatives, have been appointed President and Vice-President respectively of the South Manchuria Railway.

Sir Matthew Nathan has been appointed Chairman of a Committee which has been formed by the Secretary of State for War to inquire into the conditions of military service in their relation to subsequent employment in civil life.

The death is announced in Hankow, of malignant small-pox, of Mr. William Stephen, of Messrs. Molchanoff, Peichatnoff & Co. A Hankow contemporary states that the deceased was formerly in the employ of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire as a marine engineer.

The Hamburg-America Linie have installed wireless telegraphy on board their coast steamers, which will add greatly to the safety and convenience of passengers. Specially trained operators, it is stated, have been sent out from home, thus guaranteeing satisfactory working of the installation.

Reports from North China, the upper Yangtze valley and Japan, remarks the *N. C. Daily News*, show that severe weather is being experienced. The fall of snow in Japan has been unusually heavy for this time of year, while in Manchuria and other parts of North China the cold has been very intense.

The Y.M.C.A. Committee at Chengtu (Szechuan) is commencing a fortnight's campaign for raising money with the object of establishing a large industrial school in Chengtu. They aim at getting \$50,000 as a present instalment, when the American Y.M.C.A. will add an equal amount. The sum which is ultimately wanted locally is \$150,000. Messrs. Service and Richardson, the Y.M.C.A. Secretaries, are being assisted by Mr. Openshaw, a Baptist missionary. A number of prominent Chinese are also acting as leaders of the building campaign.

The marriage was solemnised at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday of Mr. Eugene Theodore Singer, of the local staff of the Standard Oil Company, and Miss Lillian May Smith, of Brooklyn. The Rev. V. Copley Moyle officiated at the ceremony, at which a large number of the bridegroom's friends were present, and appropriate music was played by the Cathedral organist, Mr. Denman Fuller. The bride, who was attired in a blue costume, was given away by Mr. J. W. Bolles, and was attended by Miss Hannah Bolles as bridesmaid. Mr. H. J. Morse was best man. A reception was held at the Hongkong Hotel, after which Mr. and Mrs. Singer left for Macao for their honeymoon.

THE ARMS ORDINANCE.

A Chinese was summoned at the Magistracy on Saturday for being in unlawful possession of a revolver and ammunition without a permit. Mr. J. H. Gardiner, who appeared to defend, pleaded guilty, but said he would like his Worship to hear the facts. His client, who had travelled from Hohow on the steamer of the same name, on his arrival declared the arms and ammunition to a revenue officer, it being his intention to apply for a permit. He had been to the Hohow district to wind up his father's estate, and believed the arms to be necessary for his protection there. The Revenue Officer who arrested the man denied that he made any declaration, and a fine of \$50 was imposed.

A Chinese who was found in possession of a Savage rifle and 250 rounds of ammunition as he was leaving the *Empress of Russia*, was fined \$250.

Another man, who concealed a Mauser and 100 rounds of ammunition in a sack of old bottles, was fined \$250 or three months.

OPIUM SUPPRESSION IN SZECHUAN.

CHENGDU, December 19th. The Government authorities in the borderland districts are at last taking active measures to suppress the growth of the poppy in the Kienchang Valley. Commands have been issued to the officials, gentry, and headmen at Yen-yuehsien, Shih-chang and Hui-chow to search diligently for young opium and to root it up instantly wherever it may be found, whether it belongs to Chinese or to tribesmen. Those resisting these orders will be severely punished.

In addition to Kienchang three other border districts produce opium, namely, Muping, Mackongting and Lifangting. Reports from these places have not arrived.—*Reuter*.

Miss Maud Allan's injury is of such a serious nature as to necessitate her taking complete rest for four weeks. She proposes to leave Bombay for a more bracing climate, probably going to Darjeeling.

TELEGRAMS.

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[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ROUGH WEATHER IN GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, December 28th.

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THE WRECKED STEAMER "LUDGATE."

ATTEMPTED LOOTING BY MOORS.

GIBRALTAR, December 27th.

Two British and two Spanish warships have arrived to the assistance of the stranded British steamer *Ludgate*.

The Moors are now quiet and the cargo of coal is now being jettisoned.

LATER.

The cruiser *Roxburgh* has returned to Gibraltar, and reports that all is quiet at the scene of the wreck, and that it is hoped to re-float the *Ludgate*.

GIBRALTAR, December 28th.

Last night the Moors made another attack on the *Ludgate*.

The Spanish cruiser *Perago* immediately used searchlights and sent forty marines with quickfiring guns on board the *Ludgate*. The detachment "peppered" the Moors who fled in panic to the mountains.

The warships are still standing by and salvage is proceeding.

WATER FAMINE IN MONTREAL.

DEPLORABLE RESULTS OF FAILURE OF MUNICIPAL PLANT.

MONTREAL, December 27th.

A water famine in this city owing to an accident to the Municipal plant is expected to last a week. The hospitals are buying tons of aerated water, and the poor are using melted snow. Bread has been imported from other cities.

FRENCH POLITICS.

AN IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT.

PARIS, December 27th.

MM. Briand and Millerand and others, and 105 Republican Senators and Deputies met on Friday evening and decided to form a Federation, coalescing with the Moderate Republicans, with the object of carrying out an active propaganda on behalf of national defence and social reform.

M. Briand, in the course of a speech, announced his intention of instituting a campaign in the country.

THE MILITARY EXPENDITURE OF FRANCE.

PARIS, December 28th.

The Minister of War has informed the Finance Committee that owing to delay in the financial arrangements, the money voted for the building of barracks to accommodate the extra levies under the Three Years' Service Act had been already exhausted and he asked the Committee to authorise him to proceed with the construction and to allow other expenses connected with the Three Years' Service Act without waiting for the voting of further credits.

THE ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

TOKYO, December 27th.

The Emperor, on the occasion of the opening of the Diet, said that the alliance with Great Britain was continually growing firmer.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, December 28th.

The death is announced of General Grodekoff, formerly Governor of the Amur region and Commander of the Russian troops in the Far East. He was the hero of the famous ride to Herat in 1878.

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE COLOUR LINE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

AFRICA.

LORD HARDINGE'S SOUND ADVICE.

CALCUTTA, December 27th.

The Viceroy, replying to an address of welcome from various Indian associations, strongly urged the acceptance of the South African Commission to enquire into Indian grievances. He pointed out that the President is a Judge of Appeal and is universally esteemed and respected. The Viceroy affirmed that the Commission presents an opportunity to submit to the verdict of the world the justice of the Indian National Congress and the Indian grievances.

INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS.

KARACHI, December 27th.

The annual Indian National Congress has opened here and is largely attended. Notable absentees were Mr. Gokhale, Mr. Surendra Nath (Tagore?) and Mr. Banerjee, the first-named being indisposed.

Speakers vehemently denounced the treatment of Indians in South Africa and claimed that Indians were entitled to equal treatment in the Colonies of the Empire. They trusted that the Imperial Government would realise that the situation was daily becoming more grave and that it was absolutely necessary that a Royal Commission should investigate the allegations. It was urged that the time was opportune for the further employment of Indians in the Indian Public Services, especially in the higher grades. Nawab Syed Mahomed, of Madras, was elected President of the Congress.

LATER.

The Congress has passed a resolution protesting against the treatment of Indians in South Africa.

Speakers vehemently claimed citizenship of the Empire. They had a strong belief in the political future of India with the harmonious working of the various communities.

The proposer of the resolution said that the Moghul Emperors saw a vision of a United India. They ought to realise this under the aegis of British rule. He appealed for the misunderstandings of the past to be forgotten.

The Congress also passed a resolution affirming that the India Council should be composed partly of nominated and partly of elected members—a total of nine, the elected members not to exceed one-third the total; also that the salary of the Secretary of State should be placed on the English estimates.

THE MEXICAN REBELLION.

REBELS ABANDON SIEGE OF TAMICO.

BROWNSVILLE (Texas), Dec. 27th.

The rebels at Matamor's headquarters have officially announced that the attack on Tampico has been abandoned.

The rebels who have been operating in the oil region near Monterey will invest the town after 1st February.

SIXTY DAYS' BANK HOLIDAY IN MEXICO.

LONDON, December 28th.

It is declared in Mexico City that the Bank Holiday decreed by President Huerta will be extended to 60 days.

THE SECOND TEST MATCH.

ENGLAND'S WINNING LEAD.

JOHANNESBURG, December 27th.

The second Test Match between the M.C.C. and South Africa commenced here, in showery weather.

The Africans were the first to bat and compiled 160 runs, of which Hartigan was responsible for 51.

Barnes took eight wickets for 56 runs. Batting in very fine weather, England knocked out the big total of 317 for 2 (Relf 63, Rhodes not out 143, Mead not out 73).

TENNIS CHALLENGE.

LONDON, December 27th.

Mr. Jay Gould has challenged the tennis champion, Mr. G. F. Covey, and the match is arranged to take place in Philadelphia in March.

RACING RECORD BROKEN.

LONDON, December 27th.

At Cardiff the Australian sprinter Donaldson broke Hutchens' record for the furlong by half a yard, in 21 1/2 secs.

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WAR OFFICE AND BISLEY.

NEW PROPOSALS ENGENDER DISSATISFACTION.

LONDON, December 27th.

The newspapers state that the War Office proposals to modify the Bisley programme in accordance with Service regulations is causing dissatisfaction. The War Office may organise a Territorial meeting in opposition to Bisley if their proposals are not accepted.

RIVAL PRESIDENTS.

DISGRACEFUL SCENES IN THE CROATIAN DIET.

AGRAH, December 28th.

The Croatian Diet has opened. A dispute as to the date of the next meeting caused the wildest scenes. The President, M. Mileusnic, who is a member of the Opposition, fixed Monday. The Ministerialists objected, and M. Mileusnic vacated the chair in favour of the Ministerialist, F. Tuskan, who decided that the Diet should meet the same evening.

Two members of the Opposition thereupon rushed M. Tuskan, and tried to drag him off his chair, whereupon a free fight took place, and the sitting was suspended.

On the resumption at six o'clock in the evening, the Ministerialists found M. Mileusnic in the chair reading a newspaper and conversing with his friends. This continued until half-past seven, when an official informed M. Mileusnic that, as he was not doing his duty, M. Tuskan would like to assume the Presidency. M. Tuskan then mounted the tribune, planted himself in front of M. Mileusnic, and tried to open business. He was greeted with an inferno of trumpet-blowing, the banging of typewriter covers, the sounding of motor-horns, and shrieks and abuse. M. Tuskan rang a bell, and M. Mileusnic, sitting in the chair, produced another bell and rang every time that M. Tuskan did. The uproar was still continuing at 11 o'clock in the evening.

THE LEEDS STRIKE.

LONDON, December 27th.

The Leeds Corporation declare that the strike is practically at an end. Hundreds of gasworkers and scavengers have returned to their duties.

At a meeting of the Leeds strikers at midnight yesterday it was resolved to continue the struggle. It was declared that the gas workers who had signed on had now changed their minds.

THE VICEROYALTY OF INDIA.

UNFOUNDED RUMOURS.

LONDON, December 28th.

The *Times* says that rumours have been revived during the last few days that Lord Kitchener will shortly replace Lord Hardinge in the Viceroyalty of India, but the Cairo correspondent of the *Times* has "the best authority" for stating that the rumours are absolutely unfounded.

THE INDIAN TRAIN ROBBERY.

DELHI, December 28th.

The search for the train robbers has been abandoned, and the troops have been withdrawn.

VALUABLE STAMP COLLECTION SOLD.

LONDON, December 28th.

The British stamps in the collection of the late Earl of Crawford have been sold to an Englishman (a Mr. Sparrow) for £20,000.

GERMAN SENTRY FIRED AT BY A CIVILIAN.

STRASBURG, December 28th.

A civilian fired two shots at a sentry at the Castle Barracks, and escaped.

ATTEMPTED FLIGHT TO CAIRO.

JERUSALEM, December 28th.

M. Vedrines, who is attempting a flight to Cairo, has arrived at Jaffa.

DEATH OF A BRITISH ADMIRAL.

LONDON, December 28th.

The death is announced of Admiral Sholto Douglas.

BANTAM-WEIGHT BOXING.

LONDON, December 28th.

The Frenchman Ledoux defeated the Welshman Billy Beynon, the latter giving up in the seventh round, in a contest for the Bantam-weight Championship of Europe at Cardiff.

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Saturday and Sunday—four Bank Holidays at a stretch! Next Thursday another, and on January 20th (China New Year Day according to the old calendar), still another, and three weeks later come the three days of the annual race meeting. Quite a surfeit of holidays—but we don't come up to Mexico in this respect. There the President has decreed a Bank Holiday of sixty days!

"Christmas comes but once a year" and a truly wonderful variety of tastes are shown in "keeping it up." There are some who occupied the day trying to play golf or cricket in the rain; others preferred to make it a complete day of rest—one long, luxurious lounge. On the other hand, there were those who wished they had done so in preference to their festival of too much sympathy upon, and alleviation of a complaint peculiarly virulent at festive times. Some people describe it as "acute dryness of the absorbing faculties"; I call it thirst. And the phenomena of this complaint are peculiarities of gut with accompaniments of weird and mystic rumblings in the cerebral pan. As a consequence, a common inquiry on Bank Holiday morning seemed to be concerning the welfare of this disturbed portion of man's construction. Can anyone give any real reason why the stomach and head should be made to suffer at Christmas time—for some people spend most of the day in satisfying a sudden abnormal appetite? It seems somewhat absurd, doesn't it?

It is but little more than a week since the French flag ship brought to this Colony the Governor-General of Indo-China, and thus afforded us an opportunity of associating ourselves with the cordial existing between the British and French nations. Hence it came as a painful shock to me to read in a Singapore paper, on the eve of Christmas, too, with its message of peace and goodwill to all men, the following ungracious announcement by telegram from London:—

NO CHRISTMAS COMPLIMENTS.
The English newspapers have unanimously decided not to publish the Christmas telegrams exchanged between M. Doumergue, the new French Premier, Sir Edward Grey and M. Sazonoff, mutually assuring each other of efforts to develop and maintain the friendship and the alliance respectively.

Now, people reading this would naturally ask why the English newspapers should lay themselves out to stir up international animosities at a time when from a thousand pulpits peace on earth and goodwill to men is being preached?

A moment of calm reflection followed my first shock of surprise. Could this story be true? Must everything that is published in a newspaper be taken for Gospel? A journalist does not often harbour such misgivings; but this well, this story was a little too high for Roderick's Random. It was all a mistake, of course. As the reader is doubtless aware, telegraphic despatches as they reach a newspaper office are often a mere jumble of words which only the experienced hand can render into intelligible English. The paragraph I have quoted is an example of the pitfalls these skeleton messages contain for the unwary. There was no intention on Reuter's part to represent that the English newspapers frown upon an international exchange of compliments at Christmas. What Reuter intended to tell is in this message, was that the English papers had decided not to publish on Christmas Day. Also that the new Foreign Minister in France—without waiting for Christmas to arrive—had exchanged telegrams with the Foreign Offices of the two countries with which France is on the most friendly relations. And so "all's well with the world" still.

Where have all the visitors gone? Hotel proprietors are lamenting a considerable falling away in the number of Xmas visitors as compared with last season's results, and those busy gentlemen who chase incoming liners in trim little launches have been sitting on their haunches for several days. The latter are of the opinion that "the revolution" is the cause of their idleness. It is a real wonder that someone has not blamed "the revolution" for a muggy Christmas Day.

The Colony will shortly be boasting of possessing a corps of Sea Scouts. With the formation of a troop of Boy Scouts at St. Joseph's College, several hints were thrown out that the island was admirably situated for satisfying the needs of Sea Scouts. So it is; and on "speech day," the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn stated that the hints had taken definite shape. This evening the Scouts will be told what is expected of those who wish to manœuvre on the water and then a corps will be formed. Soon, therefore, we may expect to see a bunch of healthy lads manning and manœuvring an embryonic man-of-war, and springing a night surprise upon the silent sentinels of the harbour.

RODERICK RANDOM.

CANTON NOTES.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, December 24th.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

The Civil Administrator has decided that the New Year holidays shall be from the 30th inst. to the 1st ult. (inclusive), and he is reported to have issued a notification to this effect to all the Government offices.

MARTIAL LAW.

In the course of an interview with the Tathu a few days ago, a member of the gentry expressed a desire to know why martial law was still in operation, now that order had been restored in Kwangtung. The Tathu's reply was that this matter had been under consideration and that, provided nothing of an extraordinary nature happened in the interim, he hoped to be able to announce the withdrawal of martial law next month.

THE PROVINCIAL BANK.

A telegram has been sent to the Board of Finance intimating that the Provincial Bank of Kwangtung will be opened for the transaction of business on 1st March next year, which date has been fixed by Civil Administrator Li in consultation with the Commissioner of Finance.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The Cruiser Race for a Cup presented by the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, was sailed on Friday, the 26th inst.

Course.—From a line between the Club flagstaff and the chimney of the pump-house of the No. 1 Dock at Kowloon, round the beacon in the Channel to the north-west of Cheung Chow, leaving it to port, round Stonecutters' Island, leaving it to starboard and finishing across a line between the Tamar and the Kowloon Police Pier. Distance, 22 miles.

The following yachts started at 10 a.m. in a fair west wind:—

	Scratch	Allows.
<i>Oenone</i>	31	50
<i>Snipe</i>	1	80
<i>Queen Bee</i>	11	—
<i>Clara</i>	14	40
<i>Dorothy</i>	28	30
<i>Iris</i>	33	—
<i>Flora</i>	44	—

Queen Bee and *Iris* were about 25 minutes late at the start. As the yachts tacked to the westward the wind increased considerably. The *Clara* opened out a good lead going up the harbour and at Green Island was about 20 minutes ahead of *Oenone* and *Snipe*, which passed to windward of the Island. *Miranda* went through the Sulphur Channel, but did not gain much by doing so. *Dorothy* went outside also, and *Iris* through the Channel. There was just about as much wind as the boats could stand with whole sail and the Chinese-rigged boats going free closed up on the *Clara* and at the beacon near Cheung Chow the *Oenone* was only 4 minutes behind her. The times of rounding were approximately as below:—*Clara*, 12.35; *Oenone*, 12.30; *Snipe*, 12.33; *Miranda*, 12.35; *Dorothy*, 12.50; *Iris*, 12.54. *Flora* also went round, but some time after the others. About a mile after rounding the *Clara* was passed by *Oenone* and afterwards by *Snipe* and *Miranda*. The wind fell lighter on the way back, but there was a good breeze right to the finish and the line was crossed by the following six boats as below:—

	Actual Time.	Cor'ct'd. Order.
<i>Oenone</i>	H. M. S. 2 8 0	H. M. S. 2 4 10
<i>Snipe</i>	2 13 37	2 11 47
<i>Miranda</i>	2 18 2	2 16 2
<i>Clara</i>	2 22 21	2 7 41
<i>Dorothy</i>	2 34 0	2 5 30
<i>Iris</i>	2 44 0	2 11 0

REACTION IN WUCHANG.

Wuchang has witnessed many changes within the past two years, but perhaps none more striking than that experienced since the departure of General Li Yuan-hung. The *Central China Post* states that the Vice-President's departure has involved not only the loss of employment of the old officials, but a remarkable reaction in official manners. General Li was extremely democratic in his dealings with other officials and all visitors. Officials could make appointments by telephone and go to keep them in richas. With the advent of Tuan Chi-jui these days have passed. Recently an official was observed going to the yamen in the Manchu style, with guards before and behind his chair.

Arrived at the yamen, the official does not now go direct to the interview, nor can he present his card in person. He has a special attendant for this function. The big red card then goes to a minor usher, to a big military usher and may finally reach the Tathu. Meanwhile the official waits—probably for half an hour—seated in the chair, still raised on the bearers' shoulders. It would be beneath his dignity either to enter waiting rooms or to be deposited on the ground.

Wuchang may be a conspicuous indication that the conservatism of Old China has by no means lost its grip upon the country, but it certainly is not alone in illustrating reactionary tendencies. —*N. C. Daily News*.

HOME AND CHINA AFFAIRS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, November 28th.

DOVER HARBOUR.

After the spending of no less than four millions sterling on the Dover Harbour by the Admiralty, the conditions for ordinary shipping are worse than before. That is the unhappy state of affairs at a port for which there were great expectations in south-eastern England.

The Admiralty are now holding an enquiry into the tidal conditions, for the dangers are such that shipmasters are avoiding the port whenever they can, rather than run the risk of contending with uncertain but most powerful forces. All artificial harbours erected where there is any considerable tidal stream are bound to have a tide rip across the entrance, I am told. But at Dover the rip is terrific. Portsmouth, alone of all the south coast ports, is approached with confidence by the mariner. That is because there is no appreciable tidal stream there. The harbour is practically in Weymouth Bay, out of the furious rush of the stream from Portland Bill.

Newhaven gets off lightly in the matter of the tide rip, but Littlehampton and Shoreham, which have small artificial harbours, have to be approached with great caution, while at Ramsgate there is a strong tide also. Dover, however, beats them all. The eddies are intricate and uncertain and the under-currents can only be gauged with the utmost difficulty.

Local mariners say that since the Admiralty pier extension the rip has increased to seven knots at the strongest spring tide. Four hours after high-water is the best time to enter, for there is then a short time of slack water. Nobody hopes for more than a slight alleviation of the trouble through some engineering device, and the outlook is bad for Dover, for as well as the Channel boats there are Atlantic liners like the *Red Star* boats that make the port one for regular call. When the French President came to England, the escorting French warships preferred to lie outside rather than take the risks of entry.

THE CHANNEL TUNNEL.
All this may add to the feeling of the day that the time is opportune, for brushing aside the objections to a Channel Tunnel. The War Office, the Admiralty, and the Board of Trade are all considering the matter, at the instance of the Premier, and they are expected to present their reports at an early date. Unless they reveal serious obstacles, the way will be infinitely clearer for the adoption of the scheme than ever before. So great an undertaking cannot, of course, be taken up without the gravest deliberation, but it really looks at the outset that the chances are this time fairly hopeful for the promoters of the plan for the avoidance of mal-de-mer and the ending of the isolation of England from the mainland of the Continent.

THE ULTRA RADICALS AND MR. CHURCHILL.
Mr. Winston Churchill is the latest object of attack among the extreme Radicals. In fact, at the time of writing it almost looks as though there would be a sort of "cave" against the aggressive First Lord of the Admiralty, first because he means to maintain the Navy in strength in spite of his offer of a naval "holiday" to Germany—and because he has views tolerant to the convictions of Ulstermen. It is even said that the malcontents mean to hold a meeting and bring their views to the notice of Mr. Asquith, whom they consider too easy-going towards his masterful Cabinet colleague. Some even go so far—I suspect without any reason whatsoever—that the First Lord is busy building a bridge of Imperial Defence and Ulster security on which he could re-cross to the Unionist party. But these protestants in politics have lively imaginations. To begin with, no man has ever done more than profit by one change of party. To cross twice has always stamped the adventurer in politics as unstable and under suspicion. Mr. Churchill is far too cute to run that risk when he has possibilities of some day emerging as leader of the party whose cause he now espouses. As to Ulster, I believe the position to be that

the Opposition must make some show of a pacific spirit, or the Premier will not make any overtures with a view to a conference or a compromise. He will not run the risk of being accused of weakness on Home Rule, or of an abortive conference, and in this attitude he is backed, if not inspired, by the more aggressive section of the Cabinet. It is significant that Mr. T. W. Russell, himself an Ulster Presbyterian, has just declared for full steam ahead with the Home Rule Bill.

FRANCO-RUSSIAN INTERESTS IN THE FAR EAST.

Information from an influential quarter in Paris states that M. Delcassé, who is about to leave for St. Petersburg to resume his duties as French Minister, will discuss with the Russian Foreign Minister various questions affecting Franco-Russian interests in China and the Far East generally. The French Government realises that the present time is a critical one for the commercial supremacy of foreign nations in China, and they aim to develop their interests there with greater energy. The present is opportune for their plans, moreover, because Paris for the moment is a far more active centre than London—if, indeed, the latter can be called a loan centre at all just at present. By aiding China financially France expects to gain a decided advantage in prestige with the Chinese powers that be, and very likely the notion is correct. A number of schemes for the advancement of French commerce in Indo-China, China proper, Manchuria, and Siberia have been placed before the leading French banks, and their co-operation is assured as soon as reports are favourable for a forward policy. M. Delcassé, it may be noted, will not remain at the Russian Court longer than next January if present plans are adhered to.

THE LABOUR FIREBRAND.
We have been having a taste of that Irish firebrand, "Jim" Larkin, over here for the past week. He came, so he declared, to carry the "fiery cross" among the English proletariat in favour of the Dublin strikers. At first he did rather well, for the fact that he had a good cause—owing to the deplorable condition of the Dublin slums—overshadowed the fact that he was a ranting who up to now had been looked askance at by decent Irish working men. But the early success got to his head, and he launched out into an appeal to the rank and file of England that was a slap in the face for the Labour leaders over here. The result has been rich in humour. The English Labour men no longer talk of him as "Jim" or "comrade," and they refer to him studiously as "Mr. Larkin." That is a bad sign. It may portend that they will throw Larkin over in their forthcoming national conference. In the meantime they are calling him ungrateful and his methods deplorable, which is a nice start in the race for the brotherhood of man.

MR. JOHN BURNS.
That erstwhile firebrand agitator, Mr. John Burns, sticks to his Local Government Board Department and rarely makes a public speech. His former friends hate him, and his dislike is none the less because his former opponents now see good in him. That he has done a good deal of work for the health of the country through his department probably all would agree, but there are many who describe him as nothing more or less than the ideal bureaucrat against whom he used to scatter invective. This aloofness from the active life of Ministers of the Lloyd George and Churchill type has set about many reports, and the latest are as follows. The chances of his remaining in the Cabinet, even if the Government received another term of office—which is doubtful—are understood to be remote, and he is also credited with the intention to retire from the representation of Battersea and not to return to the House as a private member. It is current talk that he was annoyed because Old Age Pensions and the Insurance Act were carried through by other hands, though they distinctly touch his sphere of local Government. It is further said that in the Cabinet "Lulu" Harcourt chaffs him in his elegant and sprightly manner, and that Lloyd George and he are scarcely on "speaking terms."

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F. A. HEWETT,
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Hongkong, 27th December, 1913. [1]

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Hongkong, 29th December, 1913. [1153]

INTIMATIONS

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KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY
(BRITISH SECTION).

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that SEALED TENDERS, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Kowloon Railway Station Building" will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office up to Noon on the 31st day of January, 1914, for the contract for the BUILDING OF THE TERMINAL STATION AT Kowloon Point for the KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY (British Section).
On application at the Railway Head Office, Kowloon, the Drawings may be seen and copies of the Specification and full particulars obtained on the deposit of a fee of \$250, which will be refunded on the submission of a bona fide tender together with the return of the Specification intact.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

H. P. WINSLOW,
Manager.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1913. [1476]

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, 1863,
and
IN THE MATTER OF GEO. FENWICK & COMPANY, LIMITED
(In Liquidation).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in pursuance of Section 179 of the Companies Ordinance, 1863, that a GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of the Liquidators, No. 5, Queen's Road Central, on TUESDAY, the 6th day of January, 1914, at 12 o'clock Noon, precisely, for the purpose of having an account showing the manner in which the winding up has been conducted and the property of the Company disposed of, laid before each Meeting, and for the purpose of considering and approving the proposed final return of \$350 per Share on the issued Capital, determining the Liquidators' remuneration, hearing any explanation that may be given by the Liquidators and also of determining by Extraordinary Resolution the manner in which the Books, Accounts and Documents of the Company and of the Liquidators thereof shall be disposed of.

PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING,
Liquidators.

Hongkong, the Fourth day of December, 1913. [1401]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by a JUDGMENT of the REGISTRAR OF TRADE MARKS in the Colony of Hongkong under date the 29th November, 1913, the above Trade Mark, of which the following is a facsimile:



has been held to be the sole Property of Messrs. A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED, of Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, and in and by the same Judgment it was also held that Mr. Ho WA SANG who as the sole Partner in the SUI CHEONG Firm of No. 41, Wing Lok Street, Hongkong, claimed such Trade Mark as his Property had no right or title thereto whatsoever.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that as the Registered owners of such Trade Mark Messrs. A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED, will forthwith institute legal proceedings against any firm or person who may in any way infringe such Trade Mark whether by colourable imitation or otherwise howsoever.

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Hongkong, 18th December, 1913. [1440]

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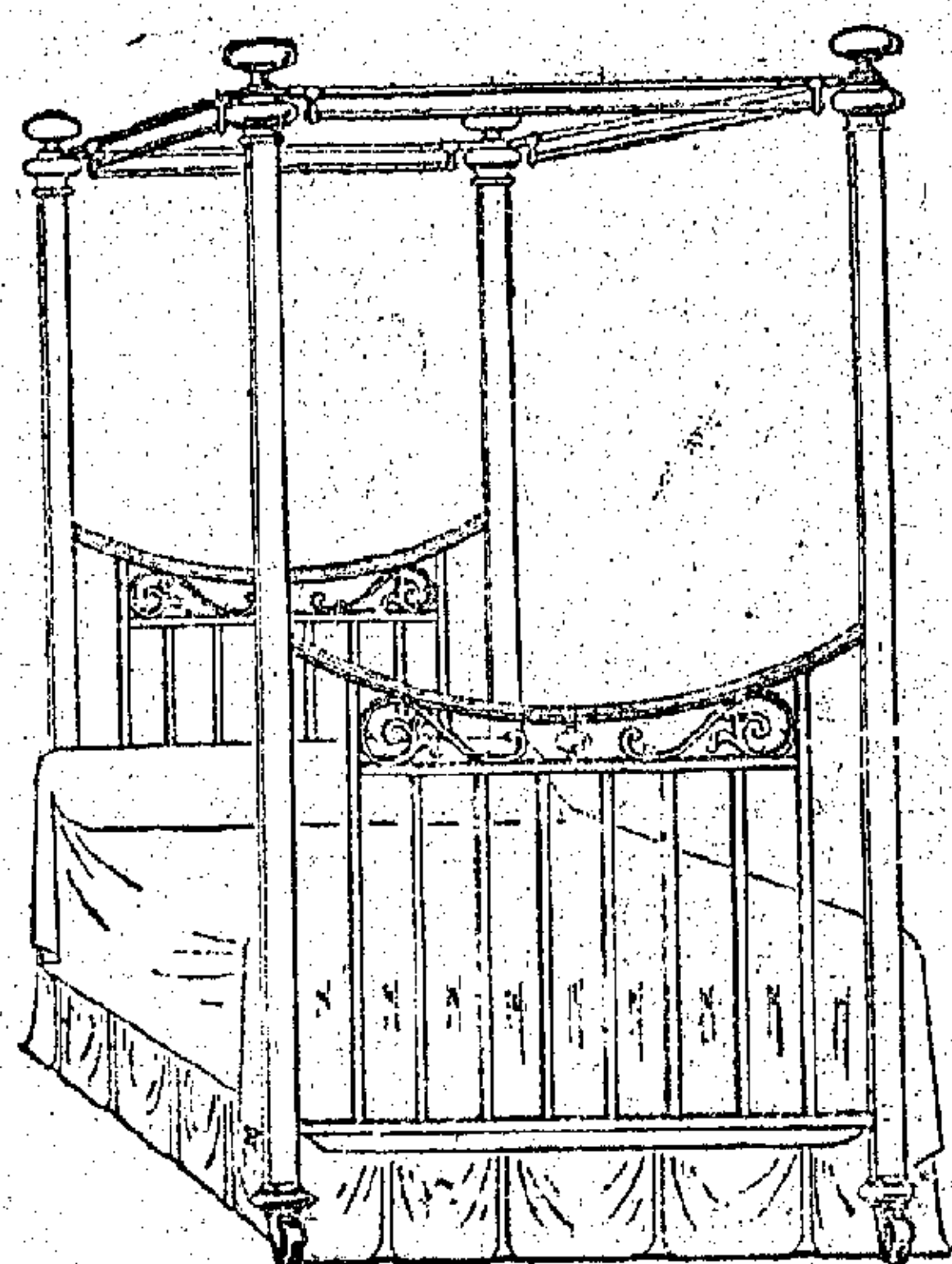
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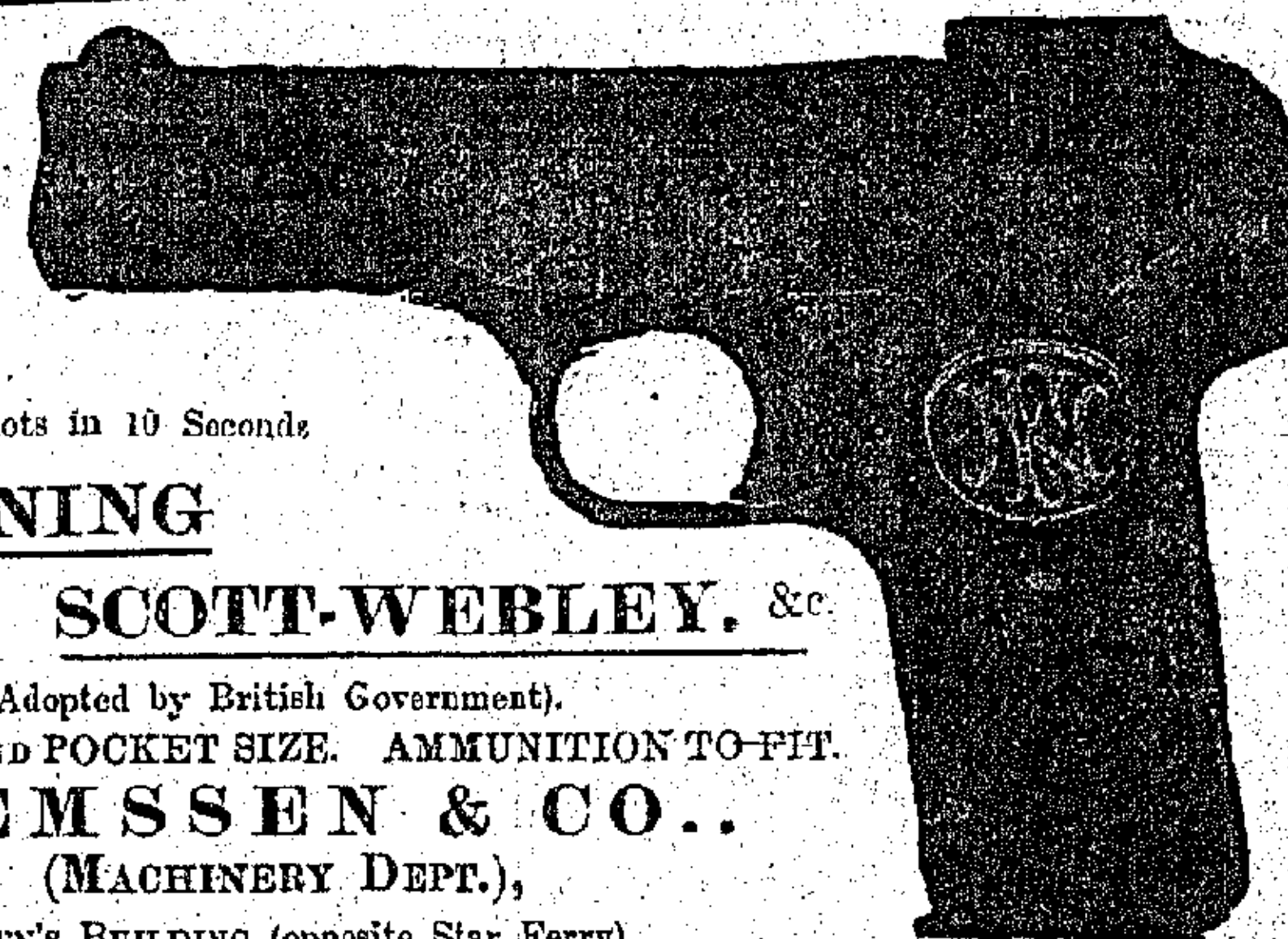
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